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RIDGELY THINKS **OUR FINANCES ON** A SOUND BASIS

Country Has Stood the Slump in Stock Prices Well, He Says.

HIS ADDRESS TO BANKERS

Comptroller Believes in Cur-. rency Reform, and Wishes Greenbacks Retired.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 22.-The Hon, William B. Ridgely, Comptroller of the Currency, addressed the bankers' convention here today on "The Business Situation and the Currency." He

"During the years of active and pros-perous business which we have had 1893, there has been a marked improve-ment in the fundamental condition of our people, and the amount of both capital and wealth they have produced and saved. This is especially true among the farming and producing classes, who have not only paid off a vast amount of debt, but have accumulated money and property of all kinds, to a greater extent than ever before.

Increase in Gold.

There has been a great increase in the volume of money in circulation among the people, and there is more money in the banks to their credit. Since 1896 there has been a greater increase in the amount of money in circulation than during any other like period, and about 80 per cent of this increase has been in gold. We are con-tinuing to add about eighty millions a year to our gold in circulation, and about one-half of all the currency in circulation is gold. Our prosperity in business has been based on the best foundation. It has been the result of the most legitimate causes and forces, and all these are not only still in opera tion, but give every evidence of con-

dred interests, the Comptroller said that the truth is that the country has gone too fast in speculation and promotion and the recent depreciation in values has followed as a logical sequence. tinuing, Mr. Ridgely said:

Currency Reform.

"I am a thorough believer in a currency reform and agree with those who wish to see the greenbacks retired, the silver withdrawn down to the point where it is practically subsidiary coin-age or currency, leaving nothing in circulation but gold, as coin or certifi-cates, and a real bank note circulation by gold reserves with such regulations for issue and redemption that it would be a matter of indifference to the banks of lax administration now pending of lax administration now pending at the Georgetown custom house, as

is a thing which can only be gradually lowing comment on the unsanitary cone, and has little or no practical ditions existing at the school: bearing on the present business situa-

Banks Not Impaired

Turning again to the late depreciation in values, he said there have been repeated slumps in prices of stocks since

bad, but," said Mr. Ridgely, "the the time." banks have not been impaired in the least by the late drafts on them, for says an investigation was made of milk the money lost in the last few months as it reached the institution. An analyhas been but a portion of the profits sis of milk received on September 28 therefore, has not affected the banks reality mixed with water.

In conclusion, Mr. Ridgely said: The course of business today largely depends upon the bankers. servatively, as they have, they can avert anything like serious trouble and keep the country in shape for a con-tinuance of prosperous times."

PLEHVE DISAPPROVES OF JEWISH TOLERANCE

BERLIN, Oct. 22.-The "Staatsburge Zeitung" announces that M. Plehve Russian minister of the interior, does not sympathize with the growth of Jewish tolerance in Russian circles. He has, accordingly, appointed a commission to report to him as to the best means of encouraging the emigration of the "hated Semite." Piehve himself, says the paper, favors the creation of a fund of several million dollars to give aid to Jews who wish to get out of Russia.

WEATHER REPORT.

The castward movement of the lake disturbance will produce rising temperature tonight from the upper Ohio Valley over the Middle Atlantic States, and its passage will be followed by lower temperature in the Middle Atlantic States, the Ohio Valley, and the lower lake region tomorrow.

In the West Indies the barometer has risen slowly, but there is still evidence of disturbed conditions favorable to storm development over the southern part of the Gulf of Mexico.

She maintains the consul has been maligning her; has called her a "Russian Jewess and a British subject," and has even gone so far as to assall her character in the most unwarranted manner. She alleges the attacks are due to jealousy because she has got the position with the company which he desired. She did not get an audience with the President.

PRESIDENT CONFERS

THE TEMPERATURE

THE SUN. Sun rets today...... Sun rises tomorrow...

SPIRITUALISTS IN A STORMY SESSION OVER VITAL TENETS

Heated Quarrel Between Representative Schirm and Others Nearly Disrupts Convention.

riage, and burial ceremonies. Representative Charles R. Schirm, of Baltinounced, and some of the remarks made nounced, and some of the remarks made the ritual, and the attacks upon the methods he employed were so bitter as to provoke a response defending his position and his record as a member of

had been laid upon the table at a former session. Mr. Schirm made a motion this morning that the sections be taken from the table and adopted, though not made mandatory upon mediums for use The opposition to the motion was bitsince the country began to recover from the depression following the panic of the table for one year it could not be considered before that time.

Beginning of the Fight.

Mr. Schirm was technical in fasisting pon strict parliamentary rulings and in this manner gained many points, until two or three delegates in unison made speeches complaining that all the delehad served in Congress, but that many were poor mortals who were compelled

to depend upon fair play.

Springing to his feet, Mr. Schirm deothers. clared that he was tired of the reflec-tions upon his fairness because he happened to have served in Congress. He asked that all such innuendoes should cease, since he had not feared to jeop-ardize his chances of return to Con-gress by publicly proclaiming that he confusion and exciteme

REPORT ON LAXITY

Disruption of the convention of the was a spiritualist. This speech was National Spiritualists' Association, in greeted with great applause, and when session at the Regent Hotel, was threatened at the morning session today, over
an attempt to adopt that part of the
stituel engagested by the compilities. ritual suggested by the committee on a suggestion to pastors, and this car-

Congress.

That portion of the ritual for marriage, burial, and christening services

plimentary. It was declared that the burial service at least had not been read, and that a faction was forcing vention has no knowledge.

Objected to the Vote.

E. W. Sprague, of New York, was on he wanted a reconsideration of the last ernment.

speeches complaining that all the delegates were not lawyers and that not all ton will be torn asunder if this action is permitted to continue."
Protests came from Clarence D. Pru

den, of St. Paul; Mrs. Edson, and many The situation was finally saved for the forenoon by a motion to reconside

coming from President Barrett and for consideration the first thing at the af The convention adjourned amid great

Industrial Home School Plebeian Origin Proves His Charges Probed.

OF OFFICIAL METHODS

Showed Water in Milk

whether their credits remained with against the superintendent and other them as deposits or were circulating as officials of the Industrial Home School, was said, on suspicion of having tried "This is the only true solution of our currency matters, and I hope to see it some day accomplished. This, however, dated October 6, and containing the following currency which can only be gradually lowing comment on the unsurface the following comment on the unsurface the customs laws of exclusion, by undervaluation of his worth. No blue blood flows in his feline veins. He has no ancient and honorable lineare traced best for

showed, however, that the milk was still kept in a dairy room or spring house, said room or house being in an his plebelan origin is his undoing. Had unsanitary condition; the water in which he been of better birth, the exclusion the milk cans stand being foul, the act would not have applied to him. Im May, 1901, and consequent collapses and trough containing the spring water runfailures, but the country has stood it ning through the dairy filthy, the drain all well, and this is a good sign that it will continue to stand it.

Dipe from the dairy foul and slimy, and the floor dirty. The place was, more
Owned by Miss Burritt. "Many think that the decrease in the percentage of reserves in banks is reason for belief that things are going to of the acting superintendent on duty at

made on the rise previously. The slump, showed it to be not only diluted, but in

CONSUL AT JERUSALEM ACCUSED BY A WOMAN

Says Dr. Merrill Has Maligned Her. Instigated by Envy and Jealousy.

Lydia M. von Finkelstein Mountford. director of exhibits and displays of the Jerusalem Exhibit Company for the Jerusalem. She has already taken the matter up with the State Department and hoped to have the President inter-

She maintains the consul has be

WITH INVESTIGATORS

A conference was held today by the President with Attorney General Knox, Charles J. Bonaparte, and Holmes Conrad on the Postofice cases. The future investigation of Postofice matters was discussed.

ONLY A PLAIN BLACK CAT WITH NO LONG PEDIGREE

Downfall.

BAD CONDITIONS FOUND ARISTOCRAT COULD COME IN

Commissioners Informed That Analysis Suspicions of Officials Aroused-Cat Held in Custody Pending Investigation.

eage, traced back for generations, or a family tree. No proud ancestry

made to apply to the lowly. So with the

The cat belongs to Eleanor L. Burritt, cat fancier, of 308 E Street northwest.

ter with Assistant Secretary Armstrong, witz. She continues her old life un-who set an investigation on foot. It was learned, it is alleged, Miss who set an investigation on foot. Burritt paid \$50 for the cat. Thereupon, Fuesday of this week, Deputy Collector of Customs James P. Willett, accom-

Lydia M. Von Finkelstein Mountford police force, went to the house, seized he cat in spite of tears and protests, and transferred it to the customs office. Collector Nyman now has the animal adje

Appraiser Expected.

It is expected an appraiser from New value of the cat. In the meantime Miss Burritt is in an anxious position, as she is liable, it is alleged, to a heavy fine, in case investigation proves sl has given the wrong value on the animal. In other cases, cats have been admitted free of duty, but only when reg istered. Miss Burritt's cat was unfor tunate in not getting more data as to genealogy before crossing the Atlantic

JUMP FOR LIFE.

CHELSEA, Mass., Oct. 22.-Mrs. Alexander McDonald, Mrs. Sadle McDon old and a five-year-old girl jumped from railroad bridge into the water at East Boston yesterday to avoid being struck by an express train. They were rescued by trainmen.

MAKES GAMBLERS QUIT.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 22.-All saloo nd gambling houses in Kansas City, Kan., were closed light yesterday for the first time in years by an order from

Watch for OGDAHT.

LITTAUER CASE NOW DEAD ISSUE, MR. KNOX RULES

Attorney General Finds It's Too Late to Do Anything Now.

GOT FULL VALUE, TOO

Thinks No Useful Purpose Would Be Subserved by Further Action.

Representative Lucius N. Littauer cannot be prosecuted for the part he is alleged to have taken in obtaining Government glove contracts, in tion of section 3739, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which of the many delegates who made forbids members of Congress to share speeches against the action taken, and the benefits of contracts with the Gov-

wote. He was ruled out of order when Mr. Schirm called attention to the fact that such a motion must come from that such a motion must come from an opinion to the War Department, in that such a motion must come from an opinion to the War Department, in one having voted in the affirmative. As which he says no action can be brought he took his seat, Mr. Sprague shouted:

"Yes, shut us out. That is what you have been trying to do ever since our Congressman friend came to the front.

Which he says no action can be brought, against Mr. Littauer by the Government to recover money, and no criminal action is possible, because the statutory period of limitation within which such action could be brought, elapsed me than a year ago.

Says Contract Was Valid.

contract of December 7, 1898, which E. R. Lyon obtained, and in which Mr. Littauer is said to have been interested, was supposed to furnish the clearest case of violation of section 3739. In discussing this contract Mr. Know says it was executed properly, and ai goods delivered satisfactorily. Conse quently no demand could be made under this contract for a return of part of the money paid on the clause in section 2739 upon which such action must be necessarily be brought.

This clause is as follows:
"All contracts or agreements made in olation of this section shall be void anced on the part of the United States in consideration of any such contract or agreement it shall be forthwith re-

Attorney General's Views.

"Advance," as used in this section, is said by Mr. Knox to have the ordinary legal meaning, and cannot be applied o a contract which has been executed. The Attorney General also calls attention to the well-known principle of law that where a contract has been executed the consideration cannot be recovered simply on the ground that the contract was void, when the party paying the consideration "got full value for his money."

In conclusion Mr. Knox says no ful purpose would be subserved by any further action of the Department of Justice in the Littauer case.

"An inspection made on September 19 entitles him to registration as a patric- Harassed by Police, Anna Heller Contracts Unique Marriage With a Count.

> BERLIN, Oct. 22 .- The "Tageblatt" today reports a sensational scandal centering about an adventuress named Anna Heller, who also passes as the Countess Strachwitz. The paper "The woman, who is ostensibly a mas-The trouble grose last May, when Miss seuse, had clients who included noble-Burritt brought the cat over from Lon-men and even members of the royalty. don. It is said by the customs officials Her life finally became so notorious that she valued the animal at \$15. She that the police were compelled to arpaid duty on that amount and took the rest her. Her high born protectors ob-Collector Nyman is something of a fered \$30,000 to Count Strachwitz, a scion judge of cats himself, and has had con- of a most ancient house, on condition siderable experience with them, being, that he marry her and then consent to in an amateur way, a cat fancier. He became suspicious and took up the mat-

WHITAKER WRIGHT'S TRIAL IS POSTPONED

LONDON, Oct. 22.-The trial of Whitaccer Wright, head of the defunct Lon-don and Globe Corporation, has been adjourned until the next session of the said that the suits filed against hir

GENERAL BLACK WILL SOON LEAVE HOSPITAL

Represenative John C. Black, comman der-in-chief of the G. A. R., who has been at the Garfield Hospital for two days, suffering from a rheumatic attack, is reported today to be getting along as well as can be expected. The physicians say that his malady will probably yield to the usual treatment in the course of a few days, but do not care to predict the date of his leaving the hospital.

Frank Wagner, an employe of the George W. Knox Express Company, arrested on the charge of having embezing the form that company, was arraigned in the United States branch of the Police Court yesterday. Wagner pleaded not guilty to the charge, waived

SECRETARY MOODY ON FOUR OF INSPECTION

Secretary Moody left Washington this

SENATOR LCDGE SAILS.

LONDON, Oct. 22.—Senators Lodge and Turner and Mrs. Turner left Lon don yesterday morning for Liverpool, where they will board the Cedric, which is to sail for New York. On the same train were Marquise de Talleyrand-Perigord, Princess Ruspoll di Paggio Perigord, Princess Ruspoll di Paggio the estate Suasa, and Mr. and Mrs. James Speyer. Alexander.

ENGLISHMEN THINK U. S. MAY CONCEDE POINT TO CANADA

One American Commissioner Said to Consider Terms Unjust—"London Globe" Expresses Bitterness Over Result.

today reports that the belief is preva-lent in official quarters that, notwith-only say they are making a disastrous standing the terms of the Alastan mistake awards, the United States may make some concessions to Canada on the

such action.

LONDON, Oct. 22.-The "Globe," in a LONDON, Oct. 22.—The Globe, too get the Control of the Alaskan Commission. The Alaskan boundary is the latest who, it says, have pleased the United States at the expense of the good-will

"A Disastrous Mistake."

The paper says in part: "Deeply as we regret the decision of the Alaskan and future British governments of the insensate folly of pandering to American good-will at the expense of Colors. boundary tribunal, there will be some

"Canada is sore and angry at the way she has been treated, and we do not wonder at it. If our statesmen imagine that in the temporary good-will of the United States they have secured an off-

BIRMINGHAM, Oct. 22.-The "Post" | set for the deep and permanent wound

"Betrayal of Interests."

"Whenever a dispute arises with the question of boundary. At least one of the American commissioners favors trayal of British interests; they have cloaked it beneath one form of arbi-

> and we trust the last device for the surrender of our own kinsmen for American interest, under an affected respect for the theories of international law.'

> > President's Congratulations.

The following cablegram from Presi

"Messrs. Lodge, Turner, and Root, care American Embassy, London, England:
"Congratulate you, and thank you heartly on behalf of American people.
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

"PROPHET" DOWIE PLANS AN ASSAULT ON ROME

version of Pope Pius.

gus Checks Sent Him by

"Admirers." NEW YORK, Oct. 22.-The Biblical, This was canal day at the State De-

and faith healing, has given up his to-basco talk and last night addressed his audience in the manner of a "gentle-man."

Loomis for nearly two hours. Dr. Her-1000 of first-mortgage bonds. Then I ran, the Colombian charge, called after war. Corea, the Nicaraguan minister, also was a caller. was to give to the combine \$2,000,000 in

Garden last night for a "rough house," Mr. Farnham also said he brought no return \$12,000,000 prior lien bonds, which but "Elijah" refused to be "riled" and news to the State Department concernwere to take precedence over all other stirred up, and went through his discourse from beginning to end without Advices received from an official to break up the meeting, but failed, and the support and recognition of the ad-

Poor Hand at Healing.

Elijah III tried his hand at "healing" porters of the propostion to give a cana this morning and yesterday afternoon. It is reported that so far no one has fact that these candidacies are receiving "taken up his bed and walked." The favor above all others is said to be "prophet" said it must be that something weakening opposition to the canal. is the matter with the vitiated atmosphere of "Wicked New York." Mean-gotiations with any other country until many of the lost are down and it is determined a deal cannot be made out from the cramped life they are with Colombia. living in the Garden, but a score of authoritative belief here, health department inspectors have them

Having failed to make one convert in this "Up-to-date Gomorrah" has not discouraged old Dr. Dowie from having high flights of imagination, for at this morning's meeting he confessed to the ambition of converting the Pope at Rome. "Elijah" said that the Pope was "a nice Christian gentleman" and not a mud-slinger.

Designs Against Pope.

"Several times," continued old Dr. Dowie, "members of the Roman Catholic Church have tried to bring me over to Rome, Now, the Roman Catholic Church and the Christian Catholic Church are much alike, and I am going to bring them all over to me, the Pope included. They will all have to come to me." During his discourse, the good, kind, old doctor touched on matters pertaining to the exchequer. He said that mong the checks received in the consaid that the suits filed against him in inal Chicago were all personal matters and no one need worry about them. Indeed,

WAGNER HELD IN BAIL FOR THE GRAND JURY

Frank Wagner, an employe of the preliminary hearing, and was put under \$500 bonds to await the action of the grand jury.

TRAIN KILLS DUCKS.

WINSTED, Conn., Oct. 22 .- John Sav-Secretary Moody Reit Washington this afternoon on board the Dolphin for Norfolk and Newport News. He will be joined at Norfolk by Admiral Bowles. and together they will inspect the Norfolk navy yard. Secretary Moody will return to Washington Saturday. press on the Central New England Rail-Moody will ing the trestle which spans the twin

HEIRESS TO ALEXANDER.

BELGRADE, Servia, Oct. 22.-An edict wili shortly be gazetted naming former Queen Nathalle as the sole helress of the estate of her murdered son, King

CANAL HAD LTS INNING AT STATE DEPARTMENT

"Elijah" Purposes the Con- Diplomatists and Others Discussed the Subject.

NO CONVERTS IN NEW YORK NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Zion City Doctor Also Complains of Bo- Dr. Herran Declares He Has No Additional Advices From Bogota-Nicaraguan Minister With Mr. Hay.

lamb could have hardly been more partment. Mr. Farnham, the represen-meek this morning than good old Dr. tative of the Panama Canal Company. man."

Nicaraguan minister, also was a caller.

The wonderful change which has come

Dr. Herran said, after he had left over the "prophet" was a source of Secretary Hay, he has had no late ad-disappointment to those who went to the

> Rico, now minister of foreign affairs. Both Reyes and Rico are ardent supright.

QUESTIONS ORIGINALITY OF KAISER'S SPEECHES

"Vorwoerts" Continues Attacks on Emperor, Which Have Led to One Lesc Majeste Charge.

BERLIN, Oct. 22.-The Socialist paper "Vorwoerts" today says that the Kaiser's eloquent oration, which he delivered on the occasion of the unveiling of his parents' statue on Sunday last, was written by Privy Councilor Henz-

This fact, says the paper, raises the puestion as to how many of the Emperor's striking speeches have been original

CAPTAIN BEASE DIES

Hungary, dropped dead at Zamobor. He the Manchurian situation

RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR SEEMS FAR DISTANT BERLIN, Oct. 22 .- The foreign office discuss the report.

states that it has received reassuring AGED MAN IN LAW SUIT.

RICHMOND, Ind., Oct. 22.-Alexander Ferguson, who is 115 years old, is this ported to the Health Office today.

Grear of Knots Floorings, \$2.00 Per 100 ft. Libby's, 6th and N. Y. ave.—Adv. Many acters and singers use Piso's Cure to strengthen the voice and prevent hoarseness.—Adv.

MR. NIXON TELLS OF HIS EFFORTS TO GET MONEY

Schwab Refused to Aid Ship Company Unless Especially Favored.

COULD NOT GET QUORUM

President's Friends Failed to Attend Meeting Until Crash Came.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22 .- Additional information on the peculiar business methods followed in the formation of the United States Shipbuilding Company was given today by Lewis Nixon, president of the company, who continued sion was made public today at the White his testimony in the proceedings brought to make the office of receiver permanent, Nixon told yesterday of plants turned n without appraisal, and of a salary

of \$18,000 to lawyer Max Pam. Failed to Get Quorum.

Mr. Nixon, continuing his testimony this morning, said that previous to the application for a receiver he had made repeated attempts to hold a meeting of the board of directors, but always failed to get a quorum. The Schwab me of the board failed to attend. the publication for the application for a receiver, a meeting was held. Mr. Nixon said that a reorganization committee was formed, but he did not know what the committee was doing except what little information was given him by Max Pam.

Nixon said that he exhausted every means to get money, and that in April, 1903, he felt that the company could not

for reorganization, with Schwab and others. Schwab, according to witness, said that he would not assist the company, unless prior lien bonds on ad ship-building companies be given him. These bonds were to go ahead of first mort-gage bonds of the company. Mr. Nixon,

Wished to Assess Stock.

"I wanted to assess the stock. I told Mr. Schwab that I thought there would Dowie, who, with years of experience called early this morning and was with be objection to his proposition that his in the art of the "laying-on-of-hands" Secretary Hay and Assistant Secretary \$10,000,000 go ahead of the other \$16,000,cash to help it out, and that he give up his \$10,000,000 in the bonds of the company, but that he was to receive in

Mr. Nixon told Mr. Schwab that he belaboring the reporters and the minis-ters. Columbia College students tried the Colombian Presidency who will have the company should go on, and finally nted. He said that while he realized two of the students were swept out into the night by the police.

assented. It is assented to assented the assented to the first bondholders, of whom he was one, yet he felt that if the company

UNIVERSALISTS HOLD PRELIMINARY SESSION

Universalists ministers of the United States met today at the Church of Our Father preliminary to the bitomorrow morning. Delegates from nearly every State in the Union were

TWO UNHAPPY WIVES. ASK TO BE DIVO

Annie Flaherty today instituted pro-Flaherty, for separate support and maintenance. They were married in the District in 1899. Mrs. Flaherty says soon after her marriage her began to drink to excess, and often assaulted her. Campbell Carrington is named as counsel for the complainant. Marie Burgi also instituted ings for support against her husband, Albert Burgi. They were married in the District in 1894. She says her husband abused her violently, treated her inhumanly, and deserted her. McNamara is named as counsel for Mrs. Burgi.

FOREIGN DIPLOMATISTS GREET SECRETARY HAY

NEAR DAUGHTER'S GRAVE Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, called on Secretary Hay this afternoon BUDAPEST, Hungary, Oct. 22.— He said he has no news from the East, "Pesti Hirlap" reports that Captain and called to ask Secretary Hay if he ease, an American, while traveling in has had any recent advices concerning

had been visiting the grave of his daughter, who died at Zamobor five first secretary of the German embassy, Baron von dem Busche-Haddenhausen, called at the State Department this morning. When asked if the report true that Baron von Sternburg, the German ambassador, will not return to Washington, he laughed and refused to

Baron Moncheur, the Belgian minisnessages from the Far East and that there is now little danger of a clash etween Russia and Japan.

ter. who has just returned from Europe, called on Secretary Hay to pay his respects. ter, who has just returned from Eu-

NEW SMALLPOX CASES.

Two new cases of smailpox were reweek figuring in a law suit in the Dela- victims are the two sister of Thomas a flock of flying wild ducks and killed ware county circuit court. The case is coss, who was carried to the detenten.

Goss, who was carried to the detenten. Younce for possession of real estate which the latter came into possession of as guardian. Many visit the court room just to get a glimpse of the old Street southeast.